

FirstEnergy Nuclear Operating Company

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US EPA RECORDS CENTER REGION 5

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Mr. Nash,

Enclosed is the signed CERCLA §122(g)(4), "De Minimis Contributor Administrative Order on Consent." The EPA has insisted on naming the Perry Nuclear Power Plant, which started operations in November 1987, and FirstEnergy Corp., as a potential responsible party at the Chemical Recovery Systems Site in Elyria, Ohio (CRS) in spite of the fact that the Perry Nuclear Power Plant is not located in Painesville, Ohio and is not related or associated with the solvents transported in 1980 to the CRS. FirstEnergy Corp.'s acceptance of the settlement is not an admission of liability or an admission that the Perry Nuclear Power Plant contributed hazardous substances or waste to the CRS site. Rather, FirstEnergy recognizes that acceptance of the De Minimis Contributor Administrative Order on Consent is a better alternative to protracted and costly efforts to overturn your administrative findings. By accepting the settlement, FirstEnergy understands that it and the Perry Nuclear Power Plant are forever and permanently absolved of additional costs or claims associated with the cleanup of the Chemical Recovery Systems Site in Elyria, Ohio.

If you have questions or require additional information, please contact Mr. Leo Harte at (440) 280-5514.

Sincerely,

Attachment

cc: NRC Region III

NRC Resident Inspector

NRC Project Manager

NRC Document Control Desk (Docket No. 50-440)

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